## The County of Centre PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the United Nations was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations promotes peace and security, development, democracy, economic prosperity, global health, and human rights around the world, and is vital now more than ever: and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all people and nations; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration is a milestone document in the history of human rights and empowers us all: It establishes the freedom, equal dignity and worth of every person; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the USA has declared "Human Rights, Close to Home" as its theme to recognize that our shared humanity is rooted in these universal values. We are inter-connected on a local and global scale.

WHEREAS, these human rights that we have in common, solidarity with each other and our local efforts to champion the fulfillment of human rights responsibilities are what bind us together, for the 2018 United Nations Day commemoration.

WHEREAS, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has affirmed human rights are relevant for all of us, every day and also that we need to stand up for our rights and those of others; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of Centre County is committed to stand up for our rights and those of others, as attacks on human rights by those who endeavor to profit from hatred and exploitation and whose actions erode freedom and equality locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of Centre County recognizes that equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace and pledges to take action to stand up for human rights that protect us all and thereby promote the kinship of all human beings which ultimately creates a more just and safe world for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 16, 2018 as "UNITED NATIONS DAY" and urges participation from the community in this celebration.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of October 2018.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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